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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/773,804	Applicant(s) YAMANAKA ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-4 and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chien U.S. Pub No 2004/0203472 A1.

As per claims 1 and 7, Chein teaches a method for measuring IQ path mismatch in transceivers, the method comprising: estimating a transmitter IQ mismatch in a form of gain and phase response for transmitter I and Q paths sharing a receiver path (see figs. 6 and 7 and page 2 [0015, 0017 and 0022]); and estimating a receiver IQ mismatch in a form of gain and phase response for receiver I and Q paths sharing a signal source (see figs. 6 and 7 and page 2 [0014, 0017, and 0022]).

As per claims 2 and 8, Chein teaches wherein estimating a transmitter IQ mismatch and estimating a receiver IQ mismatch further comprises measuring a difference in the gain and phase response between the transmitter I and Q paths and between the receiver I and Q paths (see page 7 [0098]).

As per claims 3 and 9, Chein teaches 2 wherein measuring further comprises sending a tone signal (see page 6 [0097], and page 9 [0118]) and measuring a power

and phase shift for all of desired frequency points (see page 18 [00234-0235]).

As per claims 4 and 10, Chein teaches wherein measuring further comprises sending uniformly spaced multi-tone white signals, taking a fast Fourier transform (FFT) of a unit period of the uniformly spaced multi-tone white signals, and calculating the response from a power and phase of each tone (see page 9 [0018-0119] and page 24 [0319]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 5-6 and 11-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chien U.S. Pub No 2004/0203472 A1 in view of Husted U.S. Pub No 2003/0206603 A1.

As per claims 5 and 11, Chein teaches all the features of the claimed invention except compensating for the difference of the transmitter and receiver I and Q paths using a digital FIR filter.

Husted teaches compensating for the difference of the transmitter and receiver I and Q paths using a digital FIR filter (see page 5 [0040] and page 7 [0059]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the teaching of Husted into Chein as to remove any residual adjacent or aliased blockers before sending the data to the passive IQ calibration processing as taught by Husted

(see page 5 [0040]).

As per claims 6 and 12, Chein and Husted in combination would teach comprising utilizing iterative estimation for filter tap parameters during the compensating as to remove any residual adjacent or aliased blockers before sending the data to the passive IQ calibration processing as taught by Husted (see page 5 [0040]).

As per claim 13, Chein teaches method for estimating IQ path mismatch in a transceiver, the method comprising: measuring a difference in the gain and phase response between transmitter I and Q paths and between receiver I and Q paths of a transceiver (see page 7 [0098]), the transmitter I and Q paths sharing a receiver path and the receiver I and Q paths sharing a signal source (see figs. 6 and 7 and page 2 [0015, 0017 and 0022]).

However Chein does not teach compensating for the difference of the transmitter and receiver I and Q paths using a digital FIR filter.

Husted teaches compensating for the difference of the transmitter and receiver I and Q paths using a digital FIR filter (see page 5 [0040] and page 7 [0059]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the teaching of Husted into Chein as to remove any residual adjacent or aliased blockers before sending the data to the passive IQ calibration processing as taught by Husted (see page 5 [0040]).

As per claim 14, Chein teaches 2 wherein measuring further comprises sending a tone signal (see page 6 [0097], and page 9 [0118]) and measuring a power and phase shift for all of desired frequency points (see page 18 [00234-0235]).

As per claims 15, Chein teaches wherein measuring further comprises sending uniformly spaced multi-tone white signals, taking a fast Fourier transform (FFT) of a unit period of the uniformly spaced multi-tone white signals, and calculating the response from a power and phase of each tone (see page 9 [0018-0119] and page 24 [0319]).

As per claim 16, Chein and Husted in combination would teach comprising utilizing iterative estimation for filter tap parameters during the compensating as to remove any residual adjacent or aliased blockers before sending the data to the passive IQ calibration processing as taught by Husted (see page 5 [0040]).

As per claim 17, Chein and Husted in combination would teach comprising performing the measuring and compensating for spectrum efficient modulation as to remove any residual adjacent or aliased blockers before sending the data to the passive IQ calibration processing as taught by Husted (see page 5 [0040]).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Vaidyanathan et al U.S. Pub No 2004/0219892 A1 teaches techniques for correcting for phase and amplitude offset.

Lin et al U.S. Pub No 2004/0038649 A1 teaches a zero intermediate frequency to low intermediate frequency.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel Bayard whose telephone number is 571 272

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3016. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:Am-4:30PM)

Alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571 272 2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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